विश्व बैंक मिशन द्वारा अपने दौरे के दौरान विभिन्न मदों तथा कार्यों की कोटि की प्रगति पर समग्र संतुष्टि व्यक्त की गयी है ।

Additional grant recommended by the 9th Finance Commission for improvement of slums in Maharashtra

314. SHRI VASHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL; Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;.

(a) whether the additional grant of Rs. 50 crores as recommended by the Ninth Finance Commission for improvement of slums has since been sanctioned to the Government of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the names of the projects proposed to be undertaken to utilise this grant; and

(c) whether Government propose to sanction additional funds for the develop ment of Bombay only?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) The Ninth Finance Commission has recommendeid in its First Report for 1989-90 a grant of Rs. 50 crores to the Government of Maharashtra for slum . clearance and environmental improvement of slums and provision of basic amenities in the: city of Bombay with an equal matching contribution by the State Government.

The State Government have proposed a. number of schemes for improvement and. provision of amenities and services in slums in Bombay viz., housing, water supply, drainage and sanitation facilities, relocation and resettlement of slums, construction of roads, bridges and sub-ways upgrading and improvement of health and hospital facilities, development of transport and electricity supply, traffic management, etc., with a total outlay of Rs. 138. 74 crores (which will be limited to Rs. 100 crores for the purpose of utilising the above men-tioned grant). Of this. schemes with an outlay of Rs. 97. 55 crores have so far been approved and a grant of Rs. 12. 19 crores has been released.

Besides the above a special non-Plan grant of Rs. 100 crores is being provided to the Government of Maharashtra for slum upgradation and housing in Bombay. Of this Rs. 50 crores have so far been released to the State Government.

Prosecution under various economic offences

315. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the: leading industrial-ists/companies prosecuted for violation of FERA provisions evasion of excise duty income-tax during the last three years; and

(b) the progress made so far relating to these cases?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) During the last three years, the Central Excise Authorities prosecuted 8 leading industrialists/companies for violation of Central Excise Laws. No prosecution has been launched against any of the leading industrialists/companies for violation of FERA during this period. Income-tax Department launched 721 prosecusions Department launched 721 prosecutions during 1988-89, 562 prosecutions during 1987-88 and 1426 prosecutions during 1986-87.

(b) All the above cases are pending in the courts of law at various stages.

Alleged opening of account in First Trust Corporation of St. Kitts, West Indies by certain individuals

316. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) wheher Government have issued ins. tructions to the CBI or any other investi gating agency to investigate into the alleg ed opening of account in First Trust Cor poration of St. Kitts, West Indies ISI by certain individuals;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any officials of the CBI or any other investigation agency of the